

Superior National Forest

Outreach Notice

(Vacancy **not** currently advertised)

Position Title: Natural Resources Manager (Recreation)

Position Grade: GS-401-11

Organization: Gunflint Ranger District

Duty Station: Tofte, MN

Reply by July 21th, 2011

The Superior National Forest (SNF) will soon be advertising to fill the position above. The annual salary range is **\$57,408 to \$74,628** annually.

If you are interested in being considered, please complete the [Outreach Notice Reply Form](#) at the end of this document.

We anticipate an advertisement to be posted to USAJobs in early August and a referral list issued in September. These are approximate timeframes, for updated information, visit the Superior National Forest's employment website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/superior/employment>.

Contact Information

We encourage you to call or e-mail us as to your interest and learn more about living and working on the north shore of Lake Superior, Minnesota. This position offers a challenging career opportunity, as well as the pleasures the way of life living in Northern Minnesota can bring to you. Be sure to check out the web sites for more information.

John Wytanis, Tofte District Ranger (218) 663-8061 or jwytanis@fs.fed.us would be glad to provide additional information on this position and the community.

Position Description

This is a zone position serving two Ranger Districts, Tofte Ranger District located in Tofte, MN and Gunflint Ranger District located in Grand Marais, MN. The incumbent serves as Assistant District Ranger for recreation, wilderness and trails for the East Zone. Responsibilities include planning, administration, and operations of a large and varied recreation program that includes the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW), one of the gems in national wilderness preservation system, and the most heavily used wilderness in the country. In addition to responsibilities related to the BWCAW, other responsibilities include operations, maintenance, and management of developed campgrounds operated by concessionaires, many boat access sites, over 100 backcountry camp sites, and hundreds of miles of trails. Duties include determining recreation demand, needs, and trends for various recreation activities and developing plans where the type, amount, and location of work is to be accomplished under each program, (including capital investment projects and recreation special initiatives) and evaluating and prioritizing each program based on cost, staffing, equipment, and supply needs.

Qualification Requirements for this position can be found in the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Operating Manual for Qualification Standards for General Schedule Positions, which is available from any Federal Government Personnel Office and OPM on their web site (www.opm.gov/qualifications/index.htm)

The Superior National Forest, located in the Northeast tip of Minnesota, is sandwiched between Lake Superior and the Canadian border. One third of its three million acres contains the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW).

The Superior National Forest contains over 2,000 lakes. Even so, only 12 percent of the Forest's 3.9 million acres is covered by water. The National Forest hosts 27 United States Forest Service campgrounds, 9 Minnesota DNR campgrounds, 2,200 developed campsites within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW), and 254 backcountry campsites outside the BWCAW. These camping areas provide quick access to 354 fishing lakes, 162 public boat landings, 29 picnic areas, 400 miles of designated hiking trails, 450 miles of groomed cross-country ski trails, and over 1500 miles of canoe routes through the BWCAW.

The northern forest community thrives with its pine, fir, and spruce trees and is home to numerous wildlife species including eagles, deer, gray wolf, common loon, Canadian lynx, moose, and black bear.

- *Gray wolf*: Northern Minnesota is the last stronghold of the gray wolf in the lower 48 states. Approximately 300-400 wolves continue to roam within the boundaries of the Superior National Forest today
- *One of 100 globally important* bird areas by the American Bird Conservancy
- *Fish species*: walleye, northern pike, smallmouth bass, lake trout, brook trout, rainbow trout, and brown trout can be found in abundance
- *Diverse habitat* for a vast array of wildlife species including bald eagle, gray wolf, and Canada lynx, which are species on the Federal endangered list
- Deer, moose, common loon, and black bear are commonly seen

More information can be found on the Superior National Forest Employment page at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/superior/employment>.

The Gunflint Ranger District office is in Grand Marais, Minnesota. It is located in Northern Minnesota on the north shore of Lake Superior 120 miles northeast of Duluth, Minnesota.

Grand Marais, Minnesota is a small picturesque town on the shore of Lake Superior, and is on the eastern edge of the Superior National Forest. It has a year-round population of approximately 2500, and is the county seat of Cook County. The town has long been influenced by tourism, being located near the internationally known natural attraction of the largest fresh water lake in the world, as well as the BWCAW, which is the most visited wilderness area in the nation. It is a modern population center with grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, outfitters, lodging, hardware and variety stores, gift and souvenir shops, library, city and county services, and medical facilities, and to complement the natural attractions; a vibrant arts community. The K-12 public school system provides a very good curriculum, including college level courses, and

the University of Minnesota has a campus in Duluth. The area is served by airports in Duluth (120 miles), and in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada (90 miles).

Tofte, Minnesota is a small picturesque town on the shore of Lake Superior with a population of about 200. It is home to a bank, a Lutheran Church, resorts and restaurants, a grocery store, a gas station and a couple of gift shops. There is an elementary school (grades 1-5) with the remaining grades at a larger school in Grand Marais. Tofte is located between the communities of Silver Bay and Grand Marais. There are limited opportunities for home purchase or rental.

More information on Grand Marais or Tofte, Minnesota can be found at:

www.boreal.org

www.grandmaraismn.com

www.silverbay.com

www.exploreminnesota.com

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Permanent Full-Time Position**

If you would like to be notified when the position is advertised, please complete this form and return to **John Wytanis** via email at **jwytanis@fs.fed.us**

Contact Information

Name:

E-mail address:

Contact Number:

Current Federal Employees:

Agency/Forest:

Series:

Grade:

Position Title:

Type Appointment:

Non-Federal Employees

Current Occupation:

Agency/Company:

Are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?

Person with Disability

Veterans Readjustment

Disabled Veterans w/30% Compensatory Disability

Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998

Former Peace Corp Volunteer

Other _____

Replying to this outreach allows us to notify you when the vacancy is posted to USAJobs and AVUE. Applications for this position will be submitted via AVUE at
<https://www.avuedigitalservices.com>

We appreciate your interest in the Superior National Forest.